

# \ the tom sowerby award

## What is the Tom Sowerby Award?

The Tom Sowerby Award is presented each year for outstanding service to CIPFA students. It was established by Tom Sowerby, President of CIPFA from 1973 to 1974.

## Who is eligible for the Tom Sowerby Award?

Anyone who has given service to CIPFA students! In practice, this means that candidates are usually CIPFA members, but you don't have to be a CIPFA member to receive the award.

## How is the winner chosen?

Nominations must be made on the official nomination form, which should clearly indicate how the nominee has met or meets the criteria of the award. This award can only be won once. The nomination form can be found on the CIPFA website at [www.cipfa.org.uk/sowerby](http://www.cipfa.org.uk/sowerby) along with a completed EXAMPLE version. The nomination forms go to a judging panel of CIPFA members and student bodies, who choose the winner from the names sent in. **Results are solely based on the content of a full and detailed nomination form.**

## What prize does the winner receive?

The Tom Sowerby Award is a high honour. The winner is invited as a guest to the National Student Forum (NSF) Annual Conference, which will be held as part of the CIPFA Annual Conference in July 2012 in Liverpool, and will be presented by the President. The winner keeps the Tom Sowerby Award trophy for a year and then receives a commemorative engraved salver.

## Why should I nominate someone for the Tom Sowerby Award?

The Tom Sowerby Award is an excellent way to give your colleagues, mentors, or tutors the recognition they deserve!

## How can I nominate someone for the Tom Sowerby Award?

Go to the Tom Sowerby Award website [www.cipfa.org.uk/sowerby](http://www.cipfa.org.uk/sowerby) and download the official nomination form. Then, you can either:

- print the form and send the completed version to **Adrian Pulham**, Education & Membership Director, CIPFA, 3 Robert Street, London WC2N 6RL; or
- email the completed form to **adrian.pulham@cipfa.org.uk**

If you do not have internet access, please call **Maria Locke** on **020 7543 5639** to request a print copy of the nomination form. Nominations must be received by **midday Friday 16 March 2012**.

# \ award-winning service



## Class Act

### Bob Smith

Tom Sowerby Award Winner 2011

Bob was one of the longest serving CIPFA trainers at CIPFA Education and Training Centre (CETC), spanning 25 yrs. His working career has been dedicated to serving the needs of students as they study for the professional qualification.

He was a moderator for CIPFA FMST exam and had extensive experience in the examination of CIPFA subjects. Throughout he was acutely aware of the examination demands actively ensuring they were pitched appropriately.

As a CETC tutor Bob's commitment to CIPFA students was especially evident. Many current and ex-CETC students have experienced his tuition on their way to CPFA status with many fond memories.

As a module leader he was involved in leading 'subject teams' to improve materials and the delivery of courses. This ensured students had the same learning experience with the best possible outcome, borne out by the very successful exam pass rates of those he had taught.

Bob worked with a variety of stakeholders including employers, members and international bodies. Whilst sharing his knowledge, support and experience with other tutors, those he has worked with know they had the best possible service and interaction with CETC and CIPFA.

Bob's enthusiasm, creativity and energy in the classroom was inspirational, bringing the subjects he taught to life. A very worthy Tom Sowerby Award winner.



## True Believer

### Graham Ball

Tom Sowerby Award Winner 2010

Graham is a Senior Lecturer at Nottingham Business School and has been an examiner and volunteer examiner for the last 20 years.

Graham has facilitated the development of the current FMCS making it more analytical and less numerical raising its standard. This has enhanced its reputation and made it possible for students to gain exemptions progressing to Masters level degree, he also chaired the FTPC review taking the case study forward into the next generation.

Various articles for PQ magazine and speaking engagements led to Graham being voted PQ magazine's "Accounting Personality of the Year" 2005.

Graham developed and retained close relationships with students and their employers ensuring the students individual needs were catered for enabling them to enjoy a more rewarding study experience.

As a direct result of this commitment to students, Graham was chosen to receive CIPFA "Excellence in Education" award in 2004.

Graham is a subject champion member of Examinations Panel and his genuine interest in students is unremitting.

His approach encapsulates the ethos of this award to recognise outstanding service to student education at CIPFA.

## About CIPFA

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